

major goal of the T-STAR program is to develop strategies and tactics to stem the invasion of exotic diseases, insects, and weeds into the United States. The recent introduction of asian soybean rust into the United States, along with the increasing threat of avian influenza and foot-and-mouth disease entering the country, heightens the possibility of a terrorist-induced attack on the nation's food supply. There is an urgent need to identify exotic pests in other countries with which the United States maintains frequent and extensive trade and travel in order to: (1) determine potential avenues for the introduction of these pests into the United States, (2) develop technologies for the early detection of these pests, (3) find effective and environmentally acceptable methods for the eradication and containment of these pests if they enter the United States. Under the T-STAR program, scientists aggressively protect the nation against the growing environmental and economic threat of invasive exotic pests. The Universities of Florida and Hawaii represent important agricultural states which are prime locations for the introduction of exotic pests from other parts of the world. Previous funding has been provided by the Department of Agriculture for T-STAR in the following amounts: FY 2001—\$3,800,000, FY 2002—\$3,800,000, FY 2003—\$9,000,000, FY 2004—\$9,000,000, FY 2005—\$9,400,000, FY 2006—\$9,500,000, FY 2008—\$7,400,000.

#### U.S. 19 AT ENTERPRISE

Account: Federal Highway Administration.  
Legal name and address of requesting entity: Pinellas County Metropolitan Organization, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 750, Clearwater, FL 33755.

Description of request: \$855,000 is included in the bill to continue work on a controlled access project at U.S. 19 and Enterprise Road in Clearwater. With federal, state, and local funds, the Pinellas Metropolitan Organization has been converting U.S. 19 from an arterial roadway into a controlled access roadway. The 1.3 mile Enterprise Road segment is the last remaining grade level interchange. Once complete, there will be 11.2 miles of controlled access, with no traffic signals, between 118th Avenue in mid-Pinellas County north to State Road 580 in north Pinellas County. U.S. 19 is a Regional Emergency Evacuation Route used by an average of 90,000 vehicles per day. Previous federal funding, provided in FY 2001 in the amount of \$4,000,000, was used for preliminary engineering and grade separated design. The Florida Department of Transportation will provide \$17 million toward the completion of this project.

#### WORKNET PINELLAS EMPLOYED WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM

Account: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Training & Employment Services.

Legal name and address of requesting entity: WorkNet Pinellas, 13805 58th Street North, Suite 2140, Clearwater, FL 33760.

Description of request: \$95,000 is included in the bill for WorkNet Pinellas to conduct an employer-focused training program for workers to train them in new fields and new technologies. WorkNet will solicit technological training shortfalls from Pinellas County manufacturers. Through consultation with the employers and the local Economic Development Council, WorkNet will certify the validity of the training needs and prepare a training plan based on the employers' technology usage. Through its training partners, Pinellas Technical Education Centers and St. Petersburg College, WorkNet will identify the training resources available and submit the plan to the employer for approval and agreement. The employer will be

expected to contribute at least half of the cost of the training program and consent to meeting the training goals within a specified timeline. This project will be based firmly on the skill needs of the employer and will result in a more highly skilled workforce whose members can continue to progress in their careers. Another clear objective of this program will be to allow the employers to remain competitive in the global economic market without having to relocate or farm-out any of their production. The goal of the program is to training 1,200 workers from at least 15 employers. This is the first federal funding provided for this project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Republican Conference of the House, I am submitting for the RECORD the following revised information regarding two earmarks I requested, which are included in the reported version of H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$238,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

Site work: \$407,500  
Shell & Minimal Core \$4,087,000  
Core & Systems \$1,911,000  
Basement Premium \$232,500  
500 SF total @ 132.66/SF  
Total \$6,638,000

I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER (CA—46)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105, the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009.

Name of Project: Vanguard University Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology.

Account: Department of Education, Higher Education (FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Vanguard University

Address of Requesting Entity: 55 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Description of Request: I received \$190,000 for Vanguard University's Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology. Vanguard University is developing an Academic Center for Science, Nursing, and Technology which will help address the significant problems facing California by training teachers in science and math, and by developing a Nursing School with an accelerated RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to help address the nursing crisis. The center will include the development of smart classrooms, the nursing school, and research laboratories to train existing teachers and nurses, and will deliver the study of science, math, and technology that will prepare students for teaching careers in science and math. It is my understanding the University will provide the balance of funding through endowments and other major gifts. It is also my understanding funds will be used consistent with the following.

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#### IN CELEBRATION OF THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND ISAAC SINGLETON

#### HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Isaac Singleton's retirement after 47 years with the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. Reverend Singleton earned his recognition as a south suburban icon many years ago. After working on a plantation in Louisiana with his father, he joined the Army Air Force during World War II. He later settled in Joliet, where he has enjoyed a 60 year marriage with his wife Pearl. He is known locally as a symbol of the civil rights movement for marching alongside the great Martin Luther King, Jr. in Montgomery, Alabama and is featured in both "Who's Who Among Black Americans" and the Joliet Will County Hall of Pride.

As pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Reverend Singleton saw the congregation grow from an intimate 100 members to the ever faithful, flourishing parish of 2,000 members it is currently. Reverend Singleton's influence is seen all over Joliet, from the 28,000 square foot presence of Mount Zion Baptist church to the street named after him to the Family Life Center he founded. He is respected internationally as well, having preached in five different continents and having built churches in Africa.

Reverend Singleton retires this month after a fulfilling, impressive, and inspirational career. He is truly an asset to Joliet as well as the